

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Unincorporated Communities (AS 37.05.317)****Grant Recipient: Whale Pass****Project Title:****Whale Pass - Community Streets and Roads****State Funding Requested: \$ 45,000****House District: 5 - C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Procure a surplus snow plow truck, upgrade the equipment and transport to Whale Pass. Procure crushed rock to upgrade local Streets.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$45,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The State of Alaska established the covenants pertaining to right-of-way construction and maintenance for the Whale Pass Subdivision. In those original by-laws the Whale Pass Homeowners Association (now the Whale Pass Community Association) was charged with maintenance and development of local right-of-way streets. The main roadway system within Whale Pass is the USFS 25 road which is maintained by the USFS three times per year under a grading contract. There are many local roads roughly constructed by landowners to gain access to properties purchased from the State of Alaska.

Access to Thorne Bay, Klawock, and Craig is via the USFS 20 road which is maintained on the same standards as the USFS 25 road. Unfortunately neither the State of Alaska nor the USFS are responsible for snow removal. This severely limits the residents of Whale Pass to access the larger communities which supply most of the goods consumed by its residents. More significantly, limited access to Klawock and Craig restricts access to needed medical and pharmaceutical services.

Local streets often get plugged with winter snow preventing residents for reaching the main USFS road. Although the Community Association operates a grader for snow removal on the USFS road, many of the local streets are so narrow and lack crushed rock surfacing to make a grader useless. If access to residents is not maintained individuals do not have reasonable access to US Mail, Fire, or EMT services during the winter months.

Keeping access open to the larger community and their services is being done with the community grader. Locally one USFS 25 (approximately 4 miles) the Grader makes sense but on longer plow jobs, such as Whale Pass to Naukiti, a plow truck (like those used by the State of Alaska) make more sense and should prove more economical to operate. A snow plow truck could also maneuver on narrower, dead-end streets where the grader is impractical.

Project Timeline:

July through October 2008.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Whale Pass Community Association

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

WHALE PASS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

January 15, 2008

Senator Albert M. Kookesh
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Kookesh:

Attached is Whale Pass Community Association's Capital Improvement Project request. Snow removal and local roads are a major concern here in Whale Pass where the Community Association is charged with that responsibility.

Please review our request and working with Representative Bill Thomas please work to gain support for Whale Pass in the upcoming legislative session.

If you travel in the future to Prince of Wales and have time on your schedule I would like to meet with you to discuss Whale Pass and Prince of Wales needs

Cordially,

Daryel Donaldson, President

Whale Pass Community Association Box WWP Ketchikan, Alaska 99950

Capital Improvements Project Request Community Streets and Roads

Scope:

- Procure surplus snow plow truck from the State of Alaska or Local Government
- Upgrade equipment to working condition and transport to Whale Pass
- Procure crushed rock to upgrade local streets to be maintained and plowed.

Funding Request:

• Surplus Snow Plow Truck	\$15,000
• Upgrade and Transport	\$10,000
• Crushed Rock and Application ...	\$22,000

Total Request	\$45,000

Justification:

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Matching Funds:

None. The Whale Pass Community Association does not have a revenue source other than Grants secured from the State and Federal Government. Any funds currently held by the Whale Pass Community Association will be needed for ongoing operation of equipment and harbors.

Ongoing Support Requirements:

Following the purchase/delivery of equipment and procurement/application of crushed rock, the Whale Pass Community Association will support ongoing operations. Tracking of the grant funds during the life of the grant will be handled by the State and the Community jointly.

Timeline:

- Funding Available – July 2008
- Crushed Rock Procurement and delivery: July 2008 through October 2009
- Plow Truck Procurement: July 2008 – October 2008
(assuming the availability of surplus equipment)

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